

# DISABILITY LIFELINE

The Washington State  
cash and medical program  
for people who are  
unable to work due to a  
physical or mental health  
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The Disability Lifeline program replaced the General Assistance program effective March 29, 2010. The Disability Lifeline program provides a small cash grant and medical benefits to low income adults without dependents who are unable to work because of a physical or mental health impairment.

## Am I eligible for Disability Lifeline?

You may be eligible for Disability Lifeline if:

- Your cash and other countable resources total \$1,000 or less.
- Your countable monthly income is less than \$339.
- Physical or mental health impairments keep you from working.
- You are not eligible for TANF.

## How do I prove I can't work?

We will review your medical records to determine if you meet the incapacity requirement. If you don't have current medical information, we can help you obtain an evaluation at no cost to you.

## Is there a limit to the number of months I may receive Disability Lifeline benefits?

- Beginning September 1, 2010 you are limited to 24 months of benefits in a 60 month time period.
- Any benefits you had received from General Assistance-Unemployable in the prior 60 months count towards the benefit limit.
- You are not subject to the time limit if you are:
  - 65 or older
  - Blind
  - Determined to be disabled

## Will I need to accept a housing voucher?

Beginning September 2, 2010, you may need to accept a housing voucher instead of a cash grant if you're homeless, and a voucher is available in the area where you live.

## What are the program requirements for Disability Lifeline?

If you are eligible for Disability Lifeline benefits, you will be required to follow the case plan developed by an incapacity social worker (ISW). Depending on your circumstances, your plan may include:

### CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT

You will be required to participate in and complete chemical dependency treatment if a certified chemical dependency counselor decides you need chemical dependency treatment.

### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Beginning January 1, 2011, you will be required to participate in vocational rehabilitation from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation if you will benefit from their services.

### SSI FACILITATION

You will be required to file for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and cooperate with the application process if you appear to meet the federal disability criteria.

### OTHER TREATMENT AND REFERRALS

Your social worker can provide more information about medical treatment and referrals to services that may be available to you.

